



### **Qualified Evaluator Academy**

The Arizona Department of Education's Effective Teachers and Leaders Unit has developed a new and exciting professional learning opportunity for principals, assistant principals, and other personnel charged with the responsibility of observing and evaluating teachers.

The Qualified Evaluator Academy is designed to provide tools, strategies, and resources to assist evaluators in the observation and evaluation process. Spanning five days over the course of the 2016-17 school year, the Qualified Evaluator Academy begins with a three-day session focusing on the evaluation process, including engaging in meaningful dialogue around effective instruction, resulting in increased student achievement and teacher retention. The remaining two sessions focus on mid-year conferencing and the summative evaluation process. This five-day academy is a complete package for new and veteran principals, assistant principals, coaches, mentors and other instructional leaders seeking to meet the criteria for being a qualified evaluator and improve their skills in the teacher evaluation process.

Completers of the Qualified Evaluator training will receive a Qualified Evaluator Certificate/plaque, related book, and lunch, and will meet the criteria stated in ARS §15-537 (E)(4) for qualified evaluators.

To find out more, including the times and location of our next session, please visit <https://ems.azed.gov//home/SearchResults?SearchString=Qualified Evaluator Academy>.

For more information, please contact us at 602-542-5343.

Sincerely,

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